



RMC Joint Planning and Development Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, August 1, 2023

Time: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Type: Zoom Teleconference

Participants: Chair Mike Thielke, Don Mulrine, Susan Harrison, Dan Rider, John Hartline, Charlotte Davis, Megan D’Arcy, Molli Cole, Amanda Clevenger, Ezekiel Nosiri

Chair Mike Thielke welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 10:05 am. Introductions were made among participants and Charlotte Davis introduced RMC’s new intern Ezekiel Nosiri. Chair Thielke reviewed the April 27, 2023, meeting minutes with the Committee. The Committee Members were all in favor of accepting the April 27, 2023, meeting minutes. The committee members reviewed the updated 2023 Rural Issues Survey from the ISGR team. It was discussed that the survey was too long and did not reflect what the RMC was trying to accomplish with the questions. The committee decided to take a year off and wait until 2024 to produce a better survey. Susan Harrison suggested that the RMC staff reach out to a contact at the Shaefer Center as another option for creating the survey.

Ms. Davis shared the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Statement with the committee. It was discussed that the second paragraph should be removed and that some of the words needed to be changed throughout the statement. It was decided that revisions would be made and shared at the next committee meeting. Ms. Davis shared the RMC 2021-2024 Strategic Plan and the 2023 RMC Working Committees list with the committee. Ms. Davis stated that the RMC completed most of the goals in the action plan but still needed to build a more stable relationship with the new governor, include RMC membership in the quarterly newsletter, create rack cards for recruiting new RMC members and hire an Outreach Coordinator. It was decided that the RMC committee structures would be discussed at the next committee meeting.

Chair Thielke suggested that the next action strategic plan should include three years. It was decided that the next plan would include three years and that the draft would be created by December of 2024. Ms. Davis stated that RMC staff would look at the RMC budget to see if they could hire LaCharla Figgs from LaCharla Figgs Consulting to help in planning the draft of the next action plan. The committee decided that the next meeting would be on August 31st.

The meeting adjourned at 12:03 pm.